



Round 5 MSXC Cross  
Country AMA  
Championship Series



12-2-12 Drakesboro  
Ky. Gregory Lake  
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## Ashburn is Superior at the Lake

Round 5 of the MSXC Cross Country Championship series was held at Camp Gregory Lake in Drakesboro Ky. Full RV hookups, a playground, a restaurant and shower facilities, made this stop in the series very enjoyable for everyone. Promotor Steve Ezell, with his son Tyson, laid out about 8.2 miles of track which was a mixture of new single track and existing trails all mixed together for an awesome course.

The weather was perfect and the youth races kicked off at 8:30 am sharp. Winners were Ronnie Beach, Jr. A; Daniel Spurgeon, Jr. B; Garrett Elrod, Mini A; Garrett Mundy, Mini B; and Ty Miller in the PeeWee 7-8.



*Jordan Ashburn*

After all the youth races were over, almost 200 racers lined up in their perspective classes to get a chance to ride the course. The AA class had 15 alone! Darin Downs grabbed the early lead on lap one with Jordan Ashburn, John Maschino and Austin Lee all battling for position. Some holeshoot money and a total 1500.00 purse were up for grabs.

As they came through the tent on lap one, Ampro Yamaha's Jordan Ashburn, was 10 seconds back from Downs. Ashburn pressed in on Downs and got around him on lap two and never looked back. Downs commented "When I was with him, we were picking off riders right and left. He is really good at getting through traffic and picking lines. When he got away from me, it was harder for me to pick through the riders with the same momentum."

Ashburn, the 9<sup>th</sup> ranked rider in the nation, continued to pick his way around the course for the remaining laps in the lead, while Downs stayed within striking distance. Downs stayed close enough just in case Ashburn had bike problems, or a problem with the mud-hole that swallowed a few bikes on the day.

After it was all over, Ashburn had his 4<sup>th</sup> win in a row. Downs came in second and John Maschino had a great race for third overall. Maschino used to be a series regular for many years and it was great having him back!

Hunter Hutchinson, pictured right #13, was the top A rider on the day. Although he is eating a little roost in the picture, he won the Heavy A class and finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall on his KTM.



*Hunter Hutchinson*



**Pro-Action of Ky/KTM mounted Logan P'Pool won the Light B class and was the top B rider on the day. Logan is sitting in first in the Light B class points and looks to be headed for a MSXC championship!**



*Logan P'Pool*

**It was a great weekend for racing in the ATV classes also. Ryan Lane topped the Pro Class with Jody Estes right behind. These two seem to go at it every season. Cory McCloud won the Pro-Am class and former youth racer Trenton Hayes was the top A rider on the day. Hayes spent several years on bikes then switched over to quads.**

**Round 6 is at Hazard Hill 12-15 in VanLeer Tn. at Rob Rodgers farm.**